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1. PURSUANT TO PARA 2 REFTEL, IN ADDITION TO CONSULTING SOVIETS AND WESTERN ALLIES (SEPTELS), US DEL CONTACTED ROMANIANS IN ADVANCE REGARDING PROPOSAL IN AMB MARTIN'S OPENING STAEMENT THAT CCD UNDERTAKE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ITS PROCEDURES DURING THE 1976 SESSION. ROMANIANS WERE RECEPTIVE IN GENERAL, BUT GAVE STRONG SIGNALS THAT THEY WOULD PRESS HARD ON THEIR IDEAS FOR PROCEDURAL CHANGES, PARTICULARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF DETAILED AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS.

2. US DELOFFS MET FEBRUARY 16 WITH TUDOR (ROMANIAN CCD DELOFF) TO EXPLAIN US PROPOSAL AND SEEK SUPPORT FOR IDEA OF COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW. TUDOR, CITING CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANCE ROMANIA ATTACHED TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES AS

EXEMPLIFIED BY ITS INITIATIVES ON SUBJECT, SAID HE THOUGHT ROMANIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH REVIEW. COMMENTING ON SUGGESTION THAT REVIEW COULD BE COMPLETED, AND AGREED PROCEDURES CODIFIED, BY END OF SUMMER SESSION, TUDOR EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT REVIEW SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON "MAIN POINTS" SHOULD BE MADE DURING SPRING SESSION.

- 3. TUDOR IDENTIFIED AS ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO ROMANIA THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A PLAN AND "CALENDAR" OF WORK, INCLUDING TIME TO BE ALLOWED FOR CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL TOPICS WITH WHICH COMMITTEE WAS SEIZED, AND TO ASSURE THAT CCD IS RESPONSIVE TO ALL UNGA RESOLUTIONS REFERRING ISSUES TO IT. DELOFF SAID THESE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE REVIEW. HE POINTED OUT THAT U.S. CONSIDERED EXISTING PROCEDURES ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE AND WOULD WANT TO BE SURE THAT ANY CHANGES WOULD BE GENUINE IMPROVEMENTS.
- 4. JUST PRIOR TO COMMITTEE'S OPENING MEETING ON AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 17, US REP MARTIN MET WITH WOMANIAN REP ENE TO UNDERSCORE US HOPE THAT ROMANIANS WOULD SUPPORT PROPOSAL HE WAS ABOUT TO MAKE. ENE WAS POSITIVE TOWARD GENERAL IDEA. SAYING THAT CCD PROCEDURAL REVIEW (IMPLICITLY MEANING CHANGE) WAS "NECESSARY." ENE REITERATED THAT ROMANIANS WOULD PRESS FOR ALLOCATION OF FIXED PERIOD OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF EACH ITEM ON AN AGENDA THAT, HE SAID, SHOULD BE MUCH MORE DETAILED THAN CCD'S PRESENT AGENDA. MARTIN POINTED TO PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE IN ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH SUCH PROCEDURES. WHILE NOTING THAT US PROPOSAL CONTEMPLATED THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF ALL CCD PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS, MARTIN REITERATED VIEW THAT EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE AND INDICATED ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE US ATTITUDE TOWARD CHANGES THAT MIGHT BY ADVOCATED IN COURSE OF REVIEW.DALE

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